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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION

Quarterly Update to Annual Listing of Foreign Government Subsidies on Articles of Cheese Subject to an In-Quota Rate of Duty

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration Department of Commerce

DATES: Applicable [Insert date of publication in the *Federal Register*].

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephanie Moore, AD/CVD Operations, Office III, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20230, telephone: (202) 482-3692. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 702 of the Trade Agreements Act of 1979 (as amended) (the Act) requires the Department of Commerce (Commerce) to determine, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture, whether any foreign government is providing a subsidy with respect to any article of cheese subject to an in-quota rate of duty, as defined in section 702(h) of the Act, and to publish quarterly updates to the type and amount of those subsidies. We hereby provide Commerce's quarterly update of subsidies on articles of cheese that were imported during the periods October 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017.

Commerce has developed, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture, information on subsidies, as defined in section 702(h) of the Act, being provided either directly or indirectly by foreign governments on articles of cheese subject to an in-quota rate of duty. The appendix to this notice lists the country, the subsidy program or programs, and the gross and net amounts of each subsidy for which information is currently available. Commerce will incorporate additional

programs which are found to constitute subsidies, and additional information on the subsidy

programs listed, as the information is developed.

Commerce encourages any person having information on foreign government subsidy

programs which benefit articles of cheese subject to an in-quota rate of duty to submit such

information in writing to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, U.S.

Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20230.

This determination and notice are in accordance with section 702(a) of the Act.

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APPENDIX

SUBSIDY PROGRAMS ON CHEESE SUBJECT TO AN IN-QUOTA RATE OF DUTY

Country	Program(s)	Gross ¹ Subsidy (\$/lb)	Net ² Subsidy
			(\$/lb)
28 European	European Union Restitution	\$ 0.00	\$0.00
Union Member	Payments		
States ³			
Canada	Export Assistance on	\$ 0.44	\$ 0.44
	Certain Types of Cheese		
Norway	Indirect (Milk) Subsidy	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
	Consumer Subsidy	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	\$ 0.00
	Total	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Switzerland	Deficiency Payments	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

 ¹ Defined in 19 U.S.C. 1677(5).
² Defined in 19 U.S.C. 1677(6).
³ The 28 member states of the European Union are: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and the United Kingdom.

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